

Tejone

TIMELINE OF CONTACTS WITH INTERIOR

2006

- JUNE 30, 2006 – Tribe submits request for confirmation of status as a federally recognized tribe or reorganization as a half-blood community under the Indian Reorganization Act.
- JULY 10, 2006 – Preliminary meeting at Interior with Associate Solicitor Carl Artman and his staff to obtain initial feedback on Tribe's legal arguments for confirmation of status.
- SEPTEMBER 19, 2006 – Tribe met with James Cason, Associate Deputy Secretary, Mr. Carl Artman, Associate Solicitor for Indian Affairs and subsequently served as Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs and others to discuss the Tribe's request. Mr. Cason directed Mr. Fleming to review the Tribe's materials and provide some feedback to the Tribe by October 30, 2006.
- NOVEMBER 1, 2006 -- Meeting with Carl Artman and Scott Keep, Assistant Solicitor for Tribal Government and Alaska, to discuss alternative half-blood community approach for Tejone recognition. Department seems to be more comfortable with this approach.
- DECEMBER 5, 2006 – Tribe meets with Mr. Lee Fleming (Director of the Office of Federal Acknowledgment) and his staff to discuss the Tribe's genealogical data and the Department's progress in reviewing the Tribe's Request for Confirmation of Status.

2007

- FEBRUARY 13, 2007 – Meeting with Carl Artman and Scott Keep regarding status of Interior's review of half-blood materials.
- APRIL 5, 2007 – Tribe meets with the Office of Federal Acknowledgment to address any potential questions regarding the genealogical materials.
- MAY 11, 2007 – Meeting with Assistant Secretary Artman, Mr. Lee Fleming, Office of Federal Acknowledgment, and Mr. Scott Keep and Mr. Jason Roberts from the Office of the Solicitor, Division of Indian Affairs. During this meeting, the Tribe provided an outline of its understanding of the process regarding organization as a half-blood community pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act and additional information regarding potential parcels available for acquisition as a tribal residence.
- JULY 30, 2007 – Tribe meets with Assistant Secretary Artman to discuss status of Interior's review.
- JULY 31, 2007 – Tribe's genealogist meets with Mr. Lee Fleming.
- AUGUST 29, 2007 – Tribe meets with Mr. Lee Fleming and Mr. Robert Jackson from OFA to discuss OFA's review of the genealogical materials for those members whom Dr. Johnson has concluded possess one-half or more Indian blood.

- OCTOBER 15, 2007 – Mr. Fleming explains to Chairwoman Morgan and the Tribe's attorneys that he has completed his analysis of the materials submitted by the Tribe regarding those members of one half or more Indian blood.

2008

- FEBRUARY 2008 – Assistant Secretary Artman contacts Chair Morgan to inform her that it will take a few additional weeks to receive final decisions based on Mr. Fleming's analysis.
- APRIL 16, 2008 – Assistant Secretary Artman sends files to Regional Office for review.
- MAY 14, 2008 – Regional Office completes its review and certifies 34 individuals as one-half or more Indian blood.